

Minutes
East Texas Regional Water Planning Group
September 1, 1998, 10 A.M.
Ferdonia Hotel and Convention Center
200 North Fredonia, Nacogdoches, Texas
(Action Items In Italics)

- I. Call to Order: Judge Carl R. Griffith, Jr., the ETRWPG chairman welcomed everyone to meeting and then called the meeting to order.**
- II. Invocation: George Campbell gave the invocation.**
- III. Roll Call of Voting Members/Determination of Quorum: Chairman Griffith asked Van Bush of the DETCOG staff to call roll of Voting Members. Committee members present are as follows:**

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| David Alders | Pat Armstrong | George Campbell |
| Nick Carter | Bob Gregg | Carl R. Griffith, Jr. |
| Michael Harbordt | Tommy Hebert | Bill Kimbrough |
| Glenda Kindle | LaNell Larsen | Tom Mallory |
| Edward McCoy, Jr. | Dick Nugent | Monty Shank |
| Chris von Doenhoff | Dr. Leon Young | |

Proxies: LaNell Larsen for Ernest Mosby
Tommy Hebert for Connie Slocomb

Van Bush reported the ETRWPG had a Quorum

Chairman Griffith asked Van Bush of the DETCOG staff to call roll of Non-Voting Members. Committee members present are as follows:

Betty Antebi-Taylor J.D. Beffort Leroy Burch

- IV. *Approval of Minutes of July 29, 1998 Meeting: George Campbell made the motion for approval, Glenda Kindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.***
- V. ETRWPG Financial Report: Van Bush delivered a current financial status report for the ETRWPG. The need to track expenses was emphasized for purposes of the Local Share In-Kind Contribution. Glenda Kindle inquired about whether Non-Voting Members expenses would be eligible. J.D. Beffort stated he did not believe they were, but agreed to check and report back to the group.**
- VI. Presentation by TWDB Staff on information dissemination: J.D. Beffort reported on information available to ETRWPG from TWDB and Open Meetings opinion pending at the Attorney General's office. Mr. Beffort distributed handouts of interest to members of the ETRWPG. Several**

members of the group had comments to add to Mr. Beffort's presentation, in regard to recreational water uses. The consensus of the group was that recreational use had to be given consideration in the Scope of Work and eventual plan.

VII. Reports from Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Carter reported on the Finance Committee's Plan for raising the Local In-Kind Contribution. He reported that there had been changes to the preliminary data considered by the Finance Committee. The new data includes all other categories of water usage, rather than municipal water use only. Mr. Carter stated that a combination of population and water usage would be needed to make the contributions by county as fair as possible. Mr. Carter gave the members a series of handouts depicting the county pro-rata share of population and water use. Mr. Carter noted that while cash was the primary focus at the moment, the In-Kind Contributions would be an essential part of the Local Contribution. Glenda Kindle asked if meeting facilities could be used as In-Kind. Mr. Carter stated he believed they would be eligible.

VIII. Recess for Lunch: The ETRWPG recessed for lunch.

IX. Group Comes Back To Session: Judge Griffith called the meeting back to order and Nick Carter resumed the Finance Committee presentation. The group then discussed the means of arranging the organization of meetings by counties. The options discussed were having Judge Griffith write a letter to the other county governments or to ask the Deep East Texas COG, East Texas COG, and Southeast Regional Planning Commission to arrange the meetings by county. *Mr. Carter stated there was very little difference in the two options, so he made a motion that the three COGs be asked to arrange the meetings. George Campbell seconded the motion. It was stated that the COGs were not being asked to raise the money, but rather were being asked to facilitate arranging the meetings between ETRWPG members and water users in the various counties. The motion passed unanimously.* Mr. Carter reminded the members that they would be asked to attend the meetings in their area.

Technical Committee: Dr. Young reported the Technical Committee had not met. Pat Armstrong inquired if the Technical Committee was a Standing Committee, that could meet as they deemed necessary. Van Bush replied that it was his understanding that they were a Standing Committee, free to meet as necessary.

X. Report by Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. Engineering: Gary Graham reported the Scope of Work, Grant Application, and Budget was presented to the Executive Committee with two minor changes. He reported it was administratively complete and was under technical review by TWDB staff at this time. The Executive Committee was suggested as the appropriate

committee to work with SPI Engineering and DETCOG in making any revisions required by TWDB prior to the next meeting. *Glenda Kindle made a motion to authorize the Executive Committee to work with SPI Engineering and DETCOG if changes to the grant application were required by TWDB. Herman Reed seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

Act Selecting a Consultant to do the Phase II Planning for the ETRWPG: Van Bush reported that Schaumburg and Polk was the only group to answer the RFQ to provide the services. *A motion was made by George Campbell and seconded by Tommy Hebert to hire Schaumburg and Polk as the Consultant to provide Phase II Planning services. The motion passed unanimously.*

Discuss Resignation of a Group Member: David Alders explained the problem with the resignation of Sam Collins and his replacement with Joe Love. He explained that Standing Rules could not be Suspended. David Alders asked if the minutes reflected the addition of Mr. Love. Van Bush replied that they did, but that the proposed Non-Voting Members were not added at the previous meeting. It was determined that Mr. Collins resignation was correct, but that an amendment to the Bylaws would be required to add Mr. Love without a prolonged process.

Michael Harbordt made a motion to amend the Bylaws to allow Joe Love to be added to the Group immediately. Tom Mallory seconded the motion. The motion failed to gain the necessary 2/3 majority.

After much discussion, the Bylaws Committee was directed to draft a proposal to be presented at the next meeting to clean up the Bylaws as they relate to replacing members that resign. It was the consensus of the group that the Bylaws committee should draft a proposal for the next meeting.

The action of adding Joe Love to the Group at the previous meeting was rescinded by unanimous consent of the group.

Discuss Non-Voting Members: David Alders discussed how Non-Voting Members could be added according to the Bylaws and TWDB rules and regulations. It was determined that discretionary Non-Voting Members had to meet specific categories to be added. Mr. Alders explained that entities, not people, could be added as Non-Voting Members.

Glenda Kindle made a motion to add the Texas Nurserymen's Association as a Non-Voting Member. Nick Carter seconded the motion. The motion passed by the required 2/3 majority.

Dick Nugent made a motion to designate the Imperial Calcaseau Regional Planning Commission of Louisiana as a Non-Voting Member. Pat Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion passed by the required 2/3 majority.

Judge Griffith directed Van Bush to draft letters to the Texas Nurserymen's Association and Imperial Calcaseau Regional Planning Commission requesting they nominate Non-Voting Members to the ETRWPG.

Pat Armstrong made a motion to add Betty Antebi-Taylor (City of Dallas Liaison), J.D. Beffort (TWDB Liaison), Leroy Burch (Region C Liaison), David Jenkins (Region H Liaison), Mendy Rabicoff (Region D Liaison), and Jim Sutherlin (Texas Parks and Wildlife Liaison). George Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed by the required 2/3 majority.

Judge Griffith directed Van Bush to invite the Sabine River Authority of Louisiana to attend and participate in future ETRWPG meetings.

- IXV. Established Future Meeting Dates:** Pat Armstrong proposed October 14, 1998, November 11, 1998, and December 8, 1998 as future meeting dates.

Herman Reed made the motion that the following dates and locations be set as ETRWPG Meetings:

October 14, 1998 in Lufkin, 10 A.M.

November 11, 1998 in Nacogdoches, 10 A.M.

December 8, 1998 in Lufkin, 10 A.M.

Tommy Hebert seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- XV. Discuss New Business:** Glenda Kindle inquired about breaking a tie. David Alders explained that a tie was a loss, so the motion would fail in the event of a tie. (As explained in Roberts Rules of Order). The role of the Chairman voting was discussed and it was established that the Chairman could vote in all ETRWPG business.

Van Bush was asked to draft a Resolution of Appreciation for Sam Collins to be considered at the next meeting.

- XVI. Adjourn:** *Bob Gregg made a motion to adjourn. The group unimously agreed to adjourn. Judge Griffith adjourned the meeting.*